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President Obama selects Mary Wakefield as next administrator of HRSA

President Obama has announced the appointment of one of the nation's top rural health care professionals as administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Mary Wakefield, director of the Center for Rural Health, will oversee this critical agency, which helps to deliver health care to those who are uninsured and underserved by our current health care system.

"As a nurse, a Ph.D., and a leading rural healthcare advocate, Mary Wakefield brings expertise that will be instrumental in expanding and improving services for those who are currently uninsured or underserved," President Obama said. "Under her leadership we will be able to expand and improve the care provided at the Community Health Centers which serve millions of uninsured Americans and address severe provider shortages across the country."

In addition to Community Health Centers across the country upon which millions of uninsured Americans depend for coverage, HRSA oversees many programs that the federal government runs to bring health care providers to underserved areas throughout the nation. In addition, HRSA will administer \$2.5 billion allocated in the Recovery Act to invest in our health care infrastructure and train health care professionals.

Dr. Wakefield was most recently the associate dean for Rural Health at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, where she was a tenured professor and director of the Center for Rural Health. She has expertise in rural health care, quality and patient safety, Medicare payment policy, workforce issues, and public policy. She has authored many articles and columns on health policy and is on the editorial board of a number of professional journals.

Dr. Wakefield previously served as director of the Center for Health Policy, Research, and Ethics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. She also served as the Chief of Staff for United States Sen. Kent Conrad from January 1993 to January 1996 and as legislative assistant and Chief of Staff to Sen. Quentin Burdick.

Dr. Wakefield has served as a member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the Department of Veteran's Affairs' Special Medical Advisory Group. She served as chair of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on Health Care Quality for Rural America and of the Catholic Health Initiatives Board of Trustees, and was a subcommittee chair for President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry.

Dr. Wakefield received her M.S. in nursing and her Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin and her B.S. in nursing from the University of Mary at Bismarck, N.D. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, and is a recipient of numerous awards including the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) 2006 Nurse Research Award and the 2008 Nursing Economics Margaret D. Sovie Writer's Award.

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UND, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona to establish "Bridge Program"

The University of North Dakota and the California State Polytechnic University in Pomona (CPP), Calif., will sign a memorandum of understanding Friday, Feb. 27, during a signing ceremony at the California school. The memorandum states that the two schools agree to form a partnership that will allow senior level CPP undergraduate students to gain advanced standing in master's degree programs at UND.

Under this agreement, CPP will accept a minimum of three quarter credits and maximum of nine quarter credits (equivalent to six UND semester credits) of UND Graduate School course work as applicable towards the appropriate CPP degree for students accepted into the "Bridge Program" and assist UND in identifying highly qualified undergraduate students for the Bridge program. UND will admit Bridge students who have successfully completed their CPP baccalaureate degree program to the appropriate master's program, deliver Bridge program courses using UND's distance technologies, and accept these courses as fulfilling some of the student's requirements toward the associated bridge program master's degree. The first programs that will take advantage of this agreement are the two schools' chemical engineering degree programs.

Joseph Benoit, dean of the Graduate School, said, "We're excited to be partnering with Cal Poly Pomona on this innovative program. This new agreement will provide opportunities for Cal Poly students to get an early start on their master's degrees. Many California students don't think of North Dakota when they consider graduate school. Yet our strengths in areas of sustainable energy make UND a top choice for students who are looking to be on the cutting edge of research that will address one of our country's most pressing issues. We look forward to the possibility of other partnerships that address areas of national importance."

This chemical engineering agreement is part of the UND-California nondoctoral student program, an outreach program conceived by Wayne Seames, professor of chemical engineering at UND and the director of the North Dakota Sustainable Energy Research Initiative and Supporting Education group (SUNRISE) and Winny Dong, chair of CPP's chemical and materials engineering program. In addition to the Bridge program, this collaboration includes joint research projects and participation of CPP undergraduates in UND summer research experiences.

"What struck me on my first visit to CPP was the similarity in educational cultures and priorities between our two departments," said Seames. "We both have very collaborative, flexible faculty who are passionate about teaching, both in formal setting and through experiential learning settings like research."

"CPP students are very concerned about our ability to provide for future energy needs without adverse impacts on the environment," said Dong. "The SUNRISE research in renewable fuels and the sustainable use of coal is very exciting and attractive to our students. Many of them had not considered the possibility of graduate school until we established this program. We have had a strong interest from our students here at CPP."

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UND celebrates Founders Day Feb. 26; faculty, departments honored

On Thursday, Feb. 26, the University of North Dakota will hold its annual Founders Day celebration, always the last Thursday in February. The 2009 Founders Day banquet will be held in the Memorial Union Ballroom. The social begins at 5:45 p.m. with the banquet at 6:30 p.m. This year, posters will be displayed of "More than Beads and Feathers," and celebrate 100 years of nNursing and 100 years of Greek life.

At the banquet, the University will present \$20,500 in faculty and department awards, made possible by the UND Foundation, Fellows of the University, and the University of North Dakota. UND will also recognize retiring and recently retired faculty and staff, as well as those who are in their 25th year of serving the University.

The faculty and three departments honored for excellence in teaching, research and service with cash awards and plaque include:

- *Jeffrey Weatherly, professor of psychology and department chair, and interim chair of the Department of Languages, UND Foundation/McDermott Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research or Creative Activity, and Service, \$2,500;
- *Michael Atkinson, associate professor of occupational therapy and associate professor of anatomy and cell biology, UND Foundation/Lydia and Arthur Saiki Award for Individual Excellence in Teaching, \$2,000;
- *Rebecca Simmons, assistant professor of biology, UND Foundation Award for Individual Excellence in Teaching, \$2,000;
- *Patrick Carr, associate professor of anatomy and cell biology, UND Foundation/Thomas J. Clifford Award for Graduate or Professional Teaching in Excellence, \$2,000;
- *Lori Robison, assistant professor of English and academic director of composition, UND Foundation/Thomas J. Clifford Award for Outstanding Faculty Development and Service, \$2,000;
- *Travis Heggie, assistant professor of recreation and tourism studies, UND Foundation/Karleen Rosaaen Faculty Award for Excellence in Academic Advising, \$2,000;
- *Eric Murphy, associate professor, pharmacology, physiology, and therapeutics, UND Foundation/Thomas J. Clifford Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, \$2,000;
- *Department of Occupational Therapy, UND Foundation/McDermott Award for Departmental Excellence in Teaching, \$2,000;
- *Department of Chemistry, Fellows of the University Award for Departmental Excellence in Research, \$2,000;

*Department of Physical Therapy, Fellow of the University Award for Departmental Excellence in Service, \$2,000.

Faculty and Staff with 25 Years of Service:

Nancy Adsero, Energy & Environmental Research Center; Mary Askim-Loveth, marketing; Michael Collings, Energy & Environmental Research Center; Rodger Copp, Scientific Computing Center; Gary Ebel, John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences; Mary Lou Feilen, facilities; Cindy Filler, Alumni Association and Foundation; Linda Fleck, Center for Family Medicine (Bismarck); Michelle Graba, Center for Rural Health; Ruth Grzadzieleski, family and community medicine; Steven Hawthorne, Energy & Environmental Research Center; Thomasine Heitkamp, social work; Melanie Jensen, Energy & Environmental Research Center; Carolyn Keegan, student financial aid; Nancy Krom, institutional research; Michael Mann, chemical engineering; Brenda McCauley, graduate school; Mary McLaughlin, Energy & Environmental Research Center; Randolph Middleton, facilities; Susan Nelson, finance; Jill Novotny, vice president for student and outreach services office; Marsha Oss, accountancy; Cynthia Pariseau, dining services; Daniel Rice, College of Education and Human Development; Vicki Robertson, payroll office; Diane Roney, surgery (Fargo); Kelly Sander, aerospace; David Schmidt, grants and contracts administration; Cheryl Schreiner, College of Arts and Sciences dean's office; Tracey Steffes, obstetrics and gynecology (Fargo); Thomas Wigger, computer science; Laurie Kim Young, anatomy and cell biology.

Retiring and recently retired faculty and staff:

Daniel Bina, facilities; Rodney Bubach, Human Nutrition Research Center; Leonard Conley, facilities; Dennis Cutshall, information technology systems and services; Kathy Dittmore, dining services; Elaine Donarski, dining services; James Ford, Energy & Environmental Research Center; Shannon Gullickson, communication; Teckla Jacobson, facilities; Marsha Larson, facilities; Wendy Meyer, Human Nutrition Research Center; Janet Kelly Moen, sociology and peace studies coordinator; Mark Oertwich, University police; Peggy Pazderic, student financial aid; Caryl Pederson, information technology systems and services; Judith Rieke, Harley French Library of the Health Sciences; Raymond Tozer, facilities; Sandra Walen, nutrition and dietetics; Jerome Werner, facilities; John Williams, educational foundations and research; Michael Yanish, facilities; Cadence Youngberg, School of Engineering and Mines; Janet Zeman, parking office.

North Dakota Spirit Award:

The North Dakota Spirit Faculty Achievement Award was established by the University of North Dakota Foundation to recognize significant contributions by faculty in teaching, research, and service.

College of Arts and Sciences: Gaye Burgess, Sherrie Fleshman, Brett Goodwin, Birgit Hans, Mark Hoffmann, Wendelin Hume, Alan King, Melinda Leach, Gaya Marasinghe, Donald Miller, James Popejoy, Cynthia Prescott, Lori Robison, Bradley Rundquist, Daphne Pedersen Stevens, Jack Weinstein, Ryan Zerr;

College of Business and Public Administration: Steve Dennis, Cullen Goenner, Mark Jendrysik, Yilei Zhang, Yanjun "Frank" Zuo;

College of Education and Human Development: Dennis Caine, Richard Van Eck, Sandra Short, Marcus Weaver-Hightower, Kara Wettersten;

School of Engineering and Mines: Joseph Hartman, Darrin Muggli, Richard Schultz, Zhengwen "Zane" Zeng;

John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences: Tina Anderson, Mark Askelson, Emanuel Grant, Vadim Rygalov;

School of Law: Gregory Gordon;

School of Medicine and Health Sciences: Colin Combs, Othman Ghribi, Brij Singh, Seema Somji;

College of Nursing: Cindy Anderson, Julie Anderson;

The Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors: Michael Gaffey, Thomas Mohr.

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EVENTS TO NOTE

International Women's Day celebration is March 9

The International Women's Day celebration will be held Monday, March 9. The International Women's Day celebration will start with the performance of a play titled "Wise Lasses," written by local author Adonica Schultz Aune out of the research project "Women Communicating Wisdom" conducted by members of the UND student chapter of the Association for Women in Communication. This performance will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the Loading Dock, Memorial Union.

The International Women's Day is a major day marking the economic, social and political achievements of women. It was started in 1909 in the United States, and it is its 100th anniversary this year. It is an official holiday in many countries around the world, and observed by men giving the women in their lives - mothers, wives, friends, daughters, colleagues - flowers and small gifts.

Flowers will be handed to women in the Memorial Union on March 5, 6 and 9, as well as at the International Center on March 9. Please join us for this event and help us make the International Women's Day celebration a success!

The event is sponsored by the University of North Dakota's International Center, Women's Center, ESL Center, and the UND student chapter of the Association for Women in Communication.
-- Diana Nastasia, Doctoral Student, Graduate Assistant, Communication, diana.nastasia@und.edu, 777-3053

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Technology Trends Forum: Getting a Taste for MERLOT is Feb. 25

The Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies will host a Technology Trends Forum from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Memorial Room, Memorial Union. Dorothy Keyser, associate professor of music and MERLOT peer reviewer will present information on MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching). Staff from the Center for Instructional and Learning Technologies and UND Online and Distance Education will also provide information.

This forum will cover:

- *What is MERLOT?
- *How can it be used in teaching and learning?
- *How can you get involved with MERLOT?

This forum is open to faculty, staff and students. To register, please call Diane Lundeen at 777-2129 or send an e-mail to dianelundeen@mail.und.edu.
-- Diane Lundeen, Instructional Technology Coordinator, Center for Instructional & Learning Technologies, dianelundeen@mail.und.edu, 777-2129

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Art Department plays host to high school juried art exhibition

The Department of Art and Design and Art Students Collective is hosting the annual High School Juried Art Exhibition at the Colonel Eugene E. Myers Art Gallery, Hughes Fine Arts Center. The show, continuing through Feb. 26, consists of two-dimensional works by high school seniors from North Dakota and Northwestern Minnesota. Darin Drummer, owner/operator of Drummer Studios, as well as a UND graduate and local artist/muralist served as the juror for this show. There were four awards given. Award recipients were announced at the opening reception.

For more information, please call the Department of Art and Design at 777-2257.

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February's Denim Day is Wednesday

This Wednesday, Feb. 25, is Denim Day. Wear your denim, pay your dollar, and enjoy knowing all proceeds go to charity. Need more buttons? Give me a call.

-- Patsy Nies, Special Project Assistant, Enrollment Services, patsynies@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3791

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PXW exercise physiology candidate presents talk Feb. 26

Kristin Popp from the University of Minnesota will give a lecture, "Bone Health and Risk Factors for Stress Fracture in Distance Runners," from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in 172 Hyslop Sports Center. Popp is an exercise physiology candidate.

-- Dennis Caine, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Physical Education, Exercise Science and Wellness, denniscaine@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4041

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Sweet Treats: Comfort Food in the Culinary Corner

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Thursday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m.

It's cold outside...but it's warm in the kitchen! This time of year, the thought of curling up with a decadent, comforting dessert is tempting. This hands-on class will teach recipes that are both comforting and decadent, but are healthier or lightened options. Participants will assist in baking, sample some delicious desserts in class, and take home others to enjoy later. Recipes may include chocolate chip cookies, banana muffins and others.

To register: go to www.wellness.und.edu- click on Nutrition and Culinary Corner.

The cost is \$15; space is limited to the first seven registered.

-- Karina Wittmann, Coordinator of Nutrition Services, Wellness Center, karinawittmann@mail.und.edu, 701-777-0769

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Physics Colloquium is Feb. 27

A physics colloquium will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in 211 Witmer Hall. Coffee and cookies will be served at 3:30 p.m. in 215 Witmer Hall. The talk, "Optical Dating for Remote In-Situ Geochronology on the Surface of Mars" will be presented by Ken Lepper, North Dakota State University.

-- Dr. Wayne Barkhouse, Assistant Professor, Physics, wayne.barkhouse@und.nodak.edu, 777-3520

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Doug Olsen presents ESSP spring colloquium

Doug Olsen, associate director for Center for People and the Environment, will present "AgCam: Imaging ND from the International Space Station" at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in Room 210, Clifford Hall Auditorium. Refreshments will be served a half-hour before the presentation.

Olsen is also principal investigator for the Center of Excellence in Space Technology and Operations. The Center for Excellence is a broad collaborative effort among UND departments and Geoptics, LLC, to apply radio occultation data to environmental solutions.

The presentation is part of the UND Earth System Science and Policy Spring 2009 colloquium series. For more information contact Michael Hill at 777-6071 or hillmj@aero.und.edu.

-- Michael Hill, Professor, Earth System Science & Policy, hillmj@aero.und.edu, 701-777-6071

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Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics seminar is Friday

Piotr Zimniak, a professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Science, will present a seminar titled "Causative Role of the Lipid Peroxidation Product 4-hydroxynonenal in Obesity and Aging" at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in Room 3933, School of Medicine. This seminar is sponsored by the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence Pathophysiological Signaling in Neurodegenerative Disorders and the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics. All are welcome to attend.

-- Deb Kroese, Administrative Officer, Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics, dkroese@medicine.nodak.edu, 7-6221

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Designing hybrid courses is Thursday

Distance education is a great way to serve students who can't come to class in person, and may be the key to the future of many programs at UND. But what do we do about our on-campus students? Do they have to become distance students and lose the benefit of face-to-face instruction? Will we have to create two sections of our existing courses to serve both populations? What if we could find a way to provide the same educational experiences for both distance and on-campus students?

All UND faculty are invited and encouraged to attend the upcoming Senate Continuing Education Committee-sponsored Discovery Series event, "Designing Hybrid Courses," from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in the River Valley Room, Memorial Union. Faculty will demonstrate how they have implemented hybrid-blended learning modes that serve students on and off-campus while preserving the power of face-to-face instruction. A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

No registration is required, but to reserve a box lunch, call 777-3231 or e-mail adminserv@mail.und.edu by noon Monday, March 2.

For more information about the session itself, contact Richard Van Eck at richard.vaneck@und.edu, or 777-3574.

-- Richard Van Eck, Associate Professor, Teaching & Learning, Member, Senate Continuing Education Committee, richard.vaneck@und.edu, 777.3574

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Wilkins Lecture features expert on African American slavery, contemporary human trafficking

The History Department welcomes all to the Wilkins Lecture at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in the Memorial Union

Lecture Bowl. This year's featured speaker is the nationally renowned James Stewart, James Wallace Professor of History Emeritus at Macalester College. Dr. Stewart's talk, "The Old Slavery and the New: History, Memory, and the Challenges of Human Trafficking," examines the struggle to abolish slavery in Lincoln's time and our own.

Over the past four decades, Stewart has published 10 books and over 60 articles, all addressing this broad and complex topic.

Besides having held the position of president of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic (2005), he continues to serve on advisory boards for the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Emancipation and Resistance (Yale University), the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and the Smithsonian's Museum of African American History.

With Richard J.M. Blackett (Vanderbilt University), he co-edits a book series titled "Abolition, Antislavery and the Atlantic World" for Louisiana State University Press.

For more information, visit http://www.und.nodak.edu/org/rrvhc/keynote_speaker.html

-- Eric Burin, Associate Professor, History, eric.burin@und.edu, 701-777-4622

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NDSU biological sciences professor to present seminar Friday

Erin Gillam, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at North Dakota State University, will present a seminar titled "Flexibility in Bat Echolocation: Adapting Signal Structure To Changing Conditions" at noon Friday, Feb. 27, in 105 Starcher Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Dr. Gillam received her B.S. from the University of Maryland, and her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at NDSU.

Aerial-feeding bats use a highly developed form of echolocation for spatial orientation and prey capture. As no single call type is optimal for all purposes, individual bats exhibit substantial plasticity in the temporal and spectral structure of calls. Dr. Gillam will discuss three studies in which she examined how bats alter their echolocation call structure in response to changing behavioral and ecological conditions. Specifically, she investigated geographic variation in call structure and responses to sources of acoustic interference that may effectively jam bat echolocation. Some of her current work focused on social structure and social call function in bats will also be discussed.

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American Indian Student Services to host Celebration of Achievements

The American Indian Student Services (AISS), will host a Celebration of Achievements by honoring UND American Indian graduates at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in the Hopper-Danley Spirituality Center.

President Robert Kelley, Robert Boyd, vice president for student and outreach services, and Leigh Jeanotte, assistant to the vice president for student and outreach services and director of American Indian Student Services will attend and help honor the graduates.

The honorees include: Lola Agard, Audrey Bercier, Ryan Eagle, John Gonzalez, Brandon Haskell, Tammy Lawrence, and Nelda Schrupp.

Agard received her Juris Doctorate from the University of North Dakota in 1999. She is currently an sssociate judge in the Standing Rock Tribal Court. Agard is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Audrey Bercier received her master of physician assistant studies in May 2007. She is a physician assistant at the Quentin N. Burdick Memorial Health Care Facility in Belcourt, N.D. Bercier is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

Eagle received his Bachelor of Public Administration from UND in May 2003. He is the assistant executive director of The Boys and Girls Club of Three Affiliated Tribes in New Town, N.D. Eagle is a member of Three Affiliated Tribes.

Gonzalez received his Ph.D. from UND in August 2005 and earned a masters of arts in psychology in December 2002. He is now an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at Bemidji State University in Minnesota. Dr. Gonzalez is a member of the White Earth Chippewa Tribe.

Haskell is currently an undergraduate student at UND majoring in psychology and aviation. He is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux.

Lawrence received a bachelor of nursing degree from UND in 2000. She is currently a clinical nurse at the Spirit Lake Health Center in Fort Totten, N.D. Lawrence is a member of the Spirit Lake Nation.

Shrupp received a master of fine arts from UND in 1993 and earned a bachelors of fine arts from UND in 1990. She is a self-employed artist living in Lakota, N.D., and is a member of the Pheasant Rump Nakota Tribe.

American Indian Student Services was formerly called Native American Programs. This program was legislated and awarded state-appropriated funding in 1978, along with the Department of Indian Studies to address the need for providing support services to American Indian students attending the University of North Dakota. When Native American Programs was created, there were very few American Indian students and programs on campus. Since then, the number of Indian-related programs at UND has grown to 29, and the American Indian student population has grown to nearly 420.

American Indian-related programs and students generate approximately \$13 million annually. A large majority of this funding is awarded by the Federal government for a variety of training programs designed for American Indian students. AISS staff members provide multifaceted student support services in the areas of admissions, financial aid, housing, and academic, personal, and cultural advisement.

The main goal of the program is to provide services that enhance the successful transition, retention, and graduation of American Indian students attending UND. Additionally, AISS works with UND administrators to maintain a climate that is responsive to the needs of American Indian students. AISS staff members also collaborate with the tribes of the state, tribal colleges and tribal entities.

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Bearded Men Improv Group performs at Fire Hall Theatre

Laugh out loud with the Bearded Men Improv Group at a Friday Nigh Cabaret, this Friday, Feb. 27, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall Theatre.

The ideas and workings of Bearded Men Improv were created in the spring of 2006 by the imaginations and efforts of four young men, Matthew Pitner, Joe Rapp, Josh Stenseth and Tim Lane. They envisioned a group of

people that could work hand in hand towards a common goal and perform together in a truly creative art form. That vision was realized when the additional members Travis Kuntz, Tyler Micheals, Steven Molony, and Paul Vonasek and Lucas Vonosek joined to form The Bearded Men Improv Troupe.

Bearded Men Improv hails from Moorhead, Minn., and has extensive training in Improv and Sketch Comedy from a variety of sources, including famed Second City in Chicago, Ill.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door. All proceeds benefit the Fire Hall Theatre and the artists. Wine and light hors d'œuvre will be served.

For more information, visit www.ggfct.org.

-- Benjamin Klipfel, Executive Director, Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre, info@ggfct.org, 701-746-0847

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ND Playwright's Co-op invites writers to meetings

When asked to comment on 2008, North Dakota Playwrights Co-op President Adonica Schultz Aune released a satisfied sigh, then said, "We had another productive year, both as writers and as a producing agency for new work." The co-op, founded in 2004 by John Thompson, Adonica Schultz Aune, and Kathy Coudle King, had a busy year. They kicked off with a production of King's award-winning play, "Trees," at the Firehall Theatre in Grand Forks in February. The play ran two weeks and raised \$3,000 for the North Dakota Breast Cancer Coalition and Filling the Gap. September was a busy month for the co-op, as they were invited to produce new work at WomanSong in Grand Rapids, Minn. Among the six short plays, written by Thompson, King, and Aune, was a piece by a new playwright, Debra Pflughoeft Hassett. Performing at the event were Charlotte Helgeson, Kate Sweney, Ruby Grove (newcomer), Cynthia Prom, as well as 13-year old Kelly King.

Two of these pieces, "The Happily Ever After" and "Wishing Away in Margaritaville," were later performed at the September Art & Wine Walk in Grand Forks.

The co-op then rounded out the year at the First Night Celebration when they produced five new pieces at the Firehall Theatre Cabaret, including a monologue by Rick Forsgren of Northwood, N.D.

The co-op invites working playwrights and aspiring playwrights to join them in 2009 as they craft, revise, and submit new plays. They offer roundtable readings, discussion, and practical tips on the art and craft of writing plays. Themes have been selected to help get the creative juices flowing; however, writers are encouraged to bring whatever it is they're working on, up to 10 pages, typed.

Meetings are from 2 to 4 p.m. on designated Sundays at Barnes & Noble in Grand Forks. It is free and open to the public. Following are the dates from February to May.

- * March 1, 2 p.m.: Revisions of celebration scripts and/or bride plays, and what is considered proper protocol for submitting plays
- * March 15, 2 p.m.: (deadline for celebration scripts) - "Fireworks" is today's theme.
- * April 5, 2 p.m.: Revisions of plays, theme TBA
- * April 19, 2 p.m.: TBA
- * May 3, 2 p.m.: TBA
- * May 17, 2 p.m.: TBA

Questions? Contact Kathy Coudle-King at katking@dakotalit.com or 701-330-1637.

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Grand Forks Master Chorale presents concerts

The Grand Forks Master Chorale presents "Choral Reinventions: Modern Music, Retro Style" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, and Sunday, March 1, at 4 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1405 9th St. S. Tickets are available at the door; adults, \$15; seniors, \$10, and students, \$5.

-- Joshua Bronfman, Asst. Professor, Music, gfmasterchorale@gmail.com, 701-777-3376

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Culinary Corner lists March 5 activity; trivia questions

Here's what is happening in Culinary Corner through March 7!

Here are a few food and nutrition trivia questions for you! See how much you REALLY know about food! The answers are at the bottom!

1. What spice is illegal to grow in the United States?
2. What color were carrots originally?
3. Which state in the United States consumes the most Spam?

Fruit and Vegetable of the Month

Thursday, March 5, 6 p.m.

Almost everyone needs to eat more fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables are essential to promoting good health, assisting with weight loss, and protecting from chronic disease. The monthly class series will focus on a fruit and a vegetable each month. Participants will learn how to select, store, and prepare each item. The class cost is \$5 and limited to seven participants.

To register for classes: www.wellness.und.edu, click on nutrition and Culinary Corner.

**Please pre-register by noon the day before each class. Class cancellations must be made at least 24 hours in advance for full refund option. **

For questions please contact Karina Wittmann, coordinator of Nutrition Services at karinawittmann@mail.und.edu

Trivia answers:

- 1) Poppy seed
- 2) Purple
- 3) Hawaii

-- Karina Wittmann, Coordinator of Nutrition Services, Wellness Center, karinawittmann@mail.und.edu, 701-77-0769

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Doctoral examination set for Ladislav Sallai

The final examination for Ladislav Sallai, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in chemistry, is set for noon Monday, March 2, in 240 Abbott Hall. The dissertation title is "Photochemistry of Multiple Metal Coordination Compounds With and Without Metal-Metal Bonding." Harmon Abrahamson (chemistry) is the committee chair. The public is invited to attend.

-- Joseph Benoit, Dean, The Graduate School, joseph.benoit@und.edu, 777-4005

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Researcher to speak at anatomy and cell biology spring seminar series

Eric Geiman, postdoctoral fellow at the Salk Institute, San Diego, Calif., will present a seminar titled “Ventral Interneuron Subpopulations of the Developing Spinal Cord” at noon Monday, March 2, in Clifford Haugen Room 1360, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. All are welcome to attend.

-- Bonnie Kee, Administrative Assistant, Anatomy and Cell Biology, bkee@medicine.nodak.edu, 7-2102

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University Within the University (U2) lists new classes

University Within the University (U2) lists the following new classes.

Walking Works From Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota

March 2, noon to 12:30 p.m. or March 2, 12:45 to 1:15 p.m., Memorial Union, River Valley Room

To encourage your employees to live healthier lives, BCBSND has a walking program called Walking Works.

Research shows walking more each day can reduce the risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, cancer and other health problems. Walking Works encourages members to walk more by explaining the health benefits and providing tips on how to get started. Every member who participates in Walking Works receives a free pedometer to help them start counting steps.

Visa Issues and the Hiring of International Faculty and Staff

March 4, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 211 Skalicky Tech Incubator

Are you hiring international faculty/staff or sponsoring visiting scholars? This workshop will provide guidance concerning the acquisition of the correct visa for international faculty, visiting scholars, medical residents, and professional staff. It will discuss the difference between J-1, H-1B, and TN visas along with application procedures through the Office of International Programs, U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Service, and U.S. Department of State. Presenter: William Young

Budgets Overview Inquiry

March 4, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Room 9, Lanterman Center, Gamble Hall

Prerequisite: PeopleSoft user ID and password for Finance Module, a local fund number, and/or an appropriated fund number. This training provides the tools necessary to navigate through PeopleSoft to find your department's budget and cash balance; utilize PeopleSoft to track your department's budget, cash, revenue, and expenditures; and complete a budget journal. The session also includes hands-on practice activities.

Presenter: Shannon Smidt.

Asset Management and Insurance

March 5, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Memorial Union, Badlands Room

Instructions and discussion on how to perform annual inventories using PeopleSoft. This session will also cover basic information that departments should know about asset management and insurance issues. Presenters: Hazel Lehman and Corrinne Kjelstrom.

MS Office 2007 — How Will It Affect You?

March 5, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 361 Upson II

Become familiar with the dramatically different user interface in Office 2007 applications — The Ribbon. Learn how to recognize the new file formats for Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and Access 2007 documents. Learn about the file format compatibility issues between Office 2007 files and earlier Office versions. Find out how to install the free Office Compatibility Pack for opening and editing Office 2007 files in earlier Office versions, and how to save Office 2007 files in the earlier version (Office 97-2003 file format). Presenter: Heidi Strande.

What Faculty Are Saying About UND

March 5, 11 a.m. to noon, Memorial Union, Presidents Room

This session summarizes responses from several of the surveys that OIR administers. The presenters will highlight findings of what faculty says about UND regarding a variety of faculty issues, research activities, interaction with students and colleagues, perceptions of institutional climate, as well as job satisfaction. In many cases, the information presented will compare UND responses to responses from comparative institutions as well as show trends over time. The surveys that will be highlighted are the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) Faculty Survey, Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE), and the Campus Quality Survey. Presenters: Carmen Williams and Sue Erickson.

Defensive Driving

March 5, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Swanson Hall, Room 10-12

This workshop is required by state fleet for all UND employees who drive state vehicles on a regular (monthly) basis, received a traffic violation, or had an accident while operating a state vehicle. Employees are encouraged to bring a family member (spouse or dependents). This workshop may also reduce your North Dakota insurance premiums and could possibly remove points from your driving record. Presenter: Jeff Misialek.

-- Patricia Young, U2 Coordinator, Continuing Education, patriciayoung@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-0720

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Astronomy, astrophysics public talk is March 3

The Physics Department will celebrate the International Year of Astronomy 2009 by holding an astronomy and astrophysics public talk and telescope observing session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in 116 Witmer Hall. The talk, "Giant Eyes on the Sky: How Future Telescopes Will Unveil the Past" will be presented by Wayne Barkhouse (physics). Following the talk, attendees will be given the opportunity to observe the night sky through a telescope (weather permitting).

-- Dr. Wayne Barkhouse, Assistant Professor, Physics, wayne.barkhouse@und.nodak.edu, 777-3520

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Noted author Diane Glancy reads from latest work March 3

Diane Glancy, an award-winning and prolific poet, playwright, and novelist, will give a public reading from her forthcoming novel "The Reason For Crows: A Story of Kateri Tekakwitha" (SUNY Press) Tuesday, March 3, in the East Asian Room (fourth floor), Chester Fritz Library, starting at 7 p.m. with a special announcement and reception to follow. To see sample readings (with copyright permissions), please visit the Web site of Crystal Alberts at <http://www.und.nodak.edu/instruct/calberts/GlancyVisit.html>.

Gerald Vizenor, author of "Father Meme," remarks, "Diane Glancy is a storier of native remembrance at the verge of history. "The Reason for Crows" is an inspired first-person memoir of Kateri Tekakwitha, the daughter of a Christian mother and a Mohawk Chief. Kateri was touched by the Jesuits and 'set apart by God.' Pockmarked by smallpox and orphaned as a child in the late 17th century, she comes alive in the emotive voice of an eminent literary artist, a particular union of native spirits and God."

The reading is free and open to the public. The Department of English, Adelphi, MAC, Department of Indian Studies, Office of Instructional Development, Office of Research and Development, and the Chester Fritz Library are co-sponsoring the event, which is part of a three-day visit that also includes guest lectures in various UND classes, as well as a student luncheon.

Professor Glancy, an author of Cherokee and German descent, currently holds the Richard L. Thomas Chair in Creative Writing at Kenyon College. Prior to this position, Glancy taught creative writing for nearly two decades at Macalester College. She also held the title of artist in residence for the State Arts Council of Oklahoma for

nearly 10 years. Glancy has taught at the Bread Loaf School of English M.A. program on the campus of the Native American Preparatory School in Rowe, N.M.; University of Minnesota as the Edlestein-Keller Minnesota Writer of Distinction; and at The Loft in Minneapolis, where she was the Native American Inroads Mentor. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri, a master's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, and an MFA from the University of Iowa Writers Workshop. She is also a past participant of the UND Writers Conference.

Glancy is known for drawing upon her surrounding and American history for inspiration. Her work includes "Stone Heart: A Novel of Sacajawea" and "The Man Who Heard the Land," a story set in Minnesota and North Dakota during the winter and flood of 1997.

-- Wilbur Stolt, Director of Libraries, Chester Fritz Library, wilburstolt@mail.und.edu, 777-2189

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Join third presentation in Teaching with Technology seminar series

"Wikis in the Classroom: Faculty and Student Perspectives" will be presented at the On Teaching Seminar by Dana Harsell (political science and public administration), Tyrone Grandstrand (student), Elizabeth Puthoff (student) and Scott Anderson (student) from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in the Red River Valley Room, Memorial Union.

For better or worse, wikis have challenged traditional notions of authorship, editing, and publishing, making the construction of knowledge more transparent and open. Most of us have used wikis to access information online (Wikipedia anyone?), and are familiar with their collaborative nature which allows anyone with access to contribute to and modify the content and text. In that they allow students to construct and share knowledge in a collaborative environment, wikis can also provide a powerful means of enhancing learning.

Dr. Harsell explored the possibility of using wikis for student assignments in a Teaching with Technology Workshop sponsored by OID and CILT. He then decided to utilize this technology in both his introductory level course (POLS116: State and Local Government) and an upper division course (POLS 393: Executive Leadership and Management). In this session, he will share insights he has gained about what works well and what doesn't when wikis are integrated into the classroom. Several students who took these courses will also give us their perspective on working in the collaborative online environment wikis create.

If you have thought about using wikis and wonder how they work and what sort of student learning outcomes and assignments are well suited to them, come join our discussion. And if you are now using wikis in your classroom or online course and would like to share some of your experiences, we hope you will come, too.

To register and reserve your lunch call Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or e-mail jana_hollands@und.edu by noon Monday, March 2.

-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development, anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu, 777-4233

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Heidi Czerwiec to read from chapbook of poems

Assistant Professor of English Heidi Czerwiec will read from her recently released chapbook of poems, "Hiking the Maze," as well as from new work at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the North Dakota Museum of Art. A reception will follow. A limited number of chapbooks will be available for sale.

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Student Success Center offers noon study skills sessions

The Student Success Center will hold Study Skills Help Sessions to answer many of the questions students have about studying. The sessions are informal and participants are invited to bring their lunch, relax, and join in the conversation. All sessions will take place from noon to 12:50 p.m. in the Badlands Room, Memorial Union. The sessions are open to the entire campus community, with no reservations required. Upcoming sessions include:

- * Wednesday, March 4: Time Management
- * Tuesday, March 10: Notetaking

-- Shari Nelson, Assistant Director of Learning Services, Student Success Center,
sharinelson@mail.und.nodak.edu, (701) 777-21

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Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn is March 4

Celebrate National Women's History Month by attending the Women's Center Meet, Eat and Learn from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the International Centre. Tala Shokri, from Tehran, Iran, will talk about her country and what Iran is like today for women. Everyone is welcome and lunch is provided.

-- Patty McIntyre, Program Associate, Womens Center, undwomenscenter@und.nodak.edu, 74302

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University Senate meets March 5; agenda listed

The University Senate will meet Thursday, March 5, at 4:05 p.m. in Room 7, Gamble Hall.

AGENDA

1. Announcements
2. Minutes of the previous meeting and business arising from the minutes
3. Question period

CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. Annual report of the Senate Library Committee, John Vitton, chair
5. Annual report of the Senate Administrative Procedures Committee, Suzanne Anderson, chair
6. Annual report of the Senate Student Academic Standards Committee, Suzanne Anderson, chair

BUSINESS CALENDAR:

7. Curriculum Committee report, Charles Robertson, chair
 8. Nominations for Senate committees, Jan Goodwin, chair
 9. Proposed change to Senate Honors Committee membership, Sally Pyle, chair
- Lori Hofland, Administrative Assistant, Registrars Office, lorihofland@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-3892

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Jason Briner to give LEEPS lectures

Jason P. Briner of the Department of Geology at the State University of New York at Buffalo will give the next LEEPS lectures Friday, March 6. Two presentations are planned. Briner's noon presentation is titled, "The Arctic is Melting: Paleoclimate Perspectives on Arctic Warming." At 3 p.m., he speaks on "Ice Sheet Dynamics in Fjord Landscapes: Constraints from Cosmogenic Radionuclides, Lake Sediment Coring, and Ice Sheet Modeling." Both talks will be in 100 Leonard Hall. The Department of Geology and Geological Engineering Leading Edge of Earth and Planetary Science (LEEPS) lecture series brings nationally- and internationally-known scientists and others to UND to give talks on cutting edge science and engineering issues. Lectures cover a wide range of topics, including academic science, applied engineering, and environmental issues of current significance. All are welcome to attend.

-- Carissa Green, Administrative Secretary, Geology & Geological Engineering,
carissagreen@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-2248

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Bill Holden memorial service is March 7

There will be a memorial for Bill Holden, former faculty member and husband of the late Victoria Holden) Saturday, March 7th at 3 p.m. at the Hopper-Daley Memorial Chapel near the English Coulee on the UND campus. Bill died Jan. 12, 2009. He was a former journalism professor in the School of Communication and editor at the Grand Forks Herald, the Chicago Tribune, the International Herald Tribune, and the Des Moines Register.

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Global Visions film series schedules lineup for spring

The Global Visions Film Series (GVFS) continues its sixth year at UND this spring. Seven foreign films will be screened this spring. The films will be shown in the Lecture Bowl, second floor, Memorial Union. All films will begin at 7 p.m. on alternating Tuesdays between February and May. The next film to be screened is "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly," Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The following films remain to be screened this semester:

- "Innocent Voices" 2007 (El Salvador), March 10
- "City of Men" 2007 (Brazil), March 31
- "The Kite Runner" 2007 (Afghanistan), April 14
- "Matt Sienkiewicz - Live From Bethlehem" 2008 (Israel - Documentary), April 21
- Times of Harvey Milk 2008 (USA), May 5.

The GVFS is a forum that promotes diversity in North Dakota through screening award-winning national and international films. The GVFS is sponsored by the students of the Anthropology Club in the Department of Anthropology, and is partially funded by the Multicultural Awareness Committee. Their goal is to provide the University and the Grand Forks community with the opportunity to experience films of exceptional quality from around the world, providing a broader understanding of and appreciation for the breadth, variety, and commonality of the human family.

The series is free and open to the public. Suggested donations are encouraged, but not required. -- Marcia Mikulak, 777-4718.

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Are you ready to quit using tobacco?

Check out one of these 20-minute sessions to explore whether you are ready to quit using tobacco. Find out all your quit options and benefits. The sessions will be held in the Mandan Room, Memorial Union.

- * March 10, 7 a.m.
- * March 11, 4 p.m.
- * March 12, 4 p.m.
- * March 13, 7 a.m.

All who attend receive a free one-month Wellness Center walking pass and well coaching. The session is open to UND faculty, staff, students, partners, and dependents 18 years of age or older.

Available programs vary for students and benefitted/non-benefitted employees.
-- Andrew Miller, Coordinator of Work Well, Wellness Center , andrewmiller@mail.und.edu, 777-0210

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Graduate School Scholarly Forum is March 11-12

The Graduate School Scholarly Forum will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 11 and 12, in the Memorial Union. Panels, oral presentation, posters, awards and the Dean's Lecture Series will feature the two-day event. The full schedule will be posted on the Graduate School Web site Friday, so mark your calendars to ensure you don't miss the presentations you wish to attend.

If you are presenting, you will be able to confirm your session time here also.

If you have questions, please contact susancarاهر@mail.und.edu
-- Susan Carاهر, Marketing & External Relations Specialist, The Graduate School,
susancarاهر@mail.und.edu, 7-2425

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Free mini mobile health fairs set

Getting regular check ups, preventive screening tests and immunizations are among the most important things you can do for yourself. They can help ensure that common, serious diseases and conditions are detected and treated. At the health fair we offer a lipid panel reading, along with a one-on-one consultation with a nursing student from the College of Nursing. They will be able to give you general health tips and educational materials.*

The Health Fair includes:

- Height and weight
- BMI
- Blood pressure
- Total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose
- Consultation

Mini mobile health fair dates:

- * March 12, 7 to 10 a.m., ROTC Armory Gymnasium
- * March 26, 7 to 10 a.m., Wilkerson Hall, JW Wilkerson Room
- * April 2, 7 to 10 a.m., Aviation - Clifford Hall
- * April 9, 7 to 10 a.m., EERC, Stevens Conference Room

(signup is required at www.workwell.und.edu)

- * April 16, 7 to 10 a.m., Airport Administration five-story building, third floor instructor lounge

*The information provided by Work Well and the nursing students does not take into account your own individual circumstances. We hope that you will find the information helpful, but it does not replace your primary health care provider. If you have concerns or worries, you should refer to your primary health care provider.

-- Andrew Miller, Coordinator of Work Well, Wellness Center , andrewmiller@mail.und.edu, 777-0210

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American Indian Health Research Conference is March 27

Mark your calendars for the seventh annual American Indian Health Research Conference to be held Friday, March 27, at the Memorial Union.

The conference will feature nationally noted speaker David Warne, executive director of the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board (AATCHB) and president and CEO of American Indian Health Management and

Policy, as the keynote of this year's event. His lecture is titled "American Indian Health Disparities and Research Policy."

The conference will offer opportunities to discuss research directions, partnerships, and collaboration in health research focusing on American Indians, specifically in the Northern Plains and North Dakota. A complete schedule and more information about the conference can be found at <http://ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/aihrc/>

To be a participant, complete the online registration form found at <http://ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/aihrc/> by March 13.

Students are eligible to receive student travel/registration fee scholarships. To submit an application, go to <http://ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/aihrc/> and click on Scholarship Application. Applications are due by March 1.
-- Tara Mertz, Communications Specialist, Center for Rural Health, taramertz@medicine.nodak.edu, 701-777-3720

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Brulé & AIRO to perform at the Chester Fritz Auditorium

Brulé & AIRO, a multi-award winning contemporary Native American group featuring a New Age/Worldbeat sound, will play at the Chester Fritz Auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday, March 27. Based in South Dakota, they have sold over one million CDs worldwide and have made media appearances with the "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee" television show, CNN World Beat, QVC, and others. They maintain a schedule of well over 100 performances a year including full-stage productions with traditional dancers, an annual holiday tour, performances at Milwaukee's Indian Summer Festival, Indian Art Markets in Denver, Arlington, and Overland Park, Kansas, Harbor Fest in Virginia Beach, the world-renowned Ordway Theater in St. Paul, Foxwoods Casino, and many additional outdoor festivals and events. They have released 11 CDs over their 12-year existence.

For additional information, visit their Web site: www.brulerecords.com or watch a video clip at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4D55YO6rSQ>

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Chester Fritz Box Office, any Ticketmaster outlet, by phone at 1-800-745-3000 or online at www.ticketmaster.com/venue/49273
-- Betty Allan, Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, bettyallan@mail.und.edu, 7-2170

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MAC sponsors Uganda film; faculty can invite speakers to classes

In the spring of 2003, three young filmmakers traveled to Africa in search of a story. What started out as a filmmaking adventure transformed into much more when these boys from Southern California discovered a conflict that disgusted and inspired them -- a conflict where children are both the weapons and the victims. After returning to the States, they created the documentary, "Invisible Children: Rough Cut," a film that exposes the realities of northern Uganda's night commuters and child soldiers.

The film was originally shown to friends and family, but has now been seen by millions of people. The overwhelming response has been, "How can I help?" To answer this question, the non-profit Invisible Children, Inc. was created, giving individuals an effective way to respond to the situation.

"Roadies" from the Invisible Children organization will bring the film to UND and answering questions

throughout the day as it plays in the Loading Dock Tuesday, March 31. This is a Multicultural Awareness Committee event; as a committee, they decided to contact professors to see if any of them hold any interest in the roadies visiting their classroom. If so, please contact Chelsea Stone at chelsea.stone@und.edu . --
Multicultural Awareness Committee.

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The Big Event is May 2

UND's Big Event is back! The Big Event is a one-day community service project happening Saturday, May 2. In 2008, over 830 UND students, faculty, and staff members participated in volunteer work throughout the Grand Cities. The Big Event began at UND in the spring of 2005 and has grown ever since. The project is a great way for UND to say "thank you" to the Grand Cities for all the support they give to the University of North Dakota. The Big Event planning committee is in full swing, and our goal is to make this year's Big Event bigger than ever. To make the day a success, we need your help.

The Big Event committee is currently accepting job requests. On May 2, volunteers will set out across the Grand Cities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to do work such as painting, raking, spring cleaning, etc. No job is too big or too small and we can provide the supplies! Due to safety reasons, we ask that requests at individual homes be outdoor jobs only.

The Big Event also seeks sponsors. Donations are used to provide supplies to job sites, provide food and T-shirts to all volunteers, and for promotional expenses. Donations are tax-deductible, and top sponsors will be recognized on the Big Event T-shirts and in other advertising.

If you or your organization would like more information about requesting volunteers or Big Event sponsorship, please contact us. If you'd like to volunteer May 2 as part of The Big Event, watch for participation forms starting March 24.

Contact:
The Big Event
Liz Fristad or Michaela Weigel
thebigevent@und.edu
2901 University Avenue, Stop 8385, Grand Forks, ND 58202
-- Kristi Nelson, Special Projects Coordinator, Enrollment Services, kristinelson@mail.und.edu, 701.777.6468

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ray Richards golf course season passes now available

The 2009 golf season passes for faculty and staff are now available for \$250. With your purchase, you will receive a free season pass for the driving range (\$150 value).

UND faculty and staff family season passes are \$500; they are not eligible for the free driving range pass, but for an extra \$150 the family can have season driving range passes.

Stop at the Chester Fritz box office or call 777-4090. Box office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Remember that passes may be paid through payroll deduction over six pay periods.
-- Tom Swangler, Asst Director, Chester Fritz Auditorium, tomswangler@mail.und.edu, 777-4094

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Faculty can receive feedback on teaching

It's not too late to make plans to use the SGID (Small Group Instructional Diagnosis) method for receiving midterm feedback from students in your classes. The SGID process, facilitated by a trained faculty colleague, is a method of soliciting student perceptions about the progress of their learning. Since it is conducted by an outsider to your class, students are free to be direct, but since it is normally done around mid-semester, you receive the feedback at a time when there is still ample opportunity for you to consider any changes that might improve student learning. The SGID process is flexible enough to be used with both large and small classes, and yields information likely to be useful to both beginning and experienced faculty.

For more information about the SGID processor or if you would like to request an SGID, contact Jana Hollands at 777-4998 or jana_hollands@und.nodak.edu

-- Anne Kelsch, Director, Office of Instructional Development, anne.kelsch@und.nodak.edu, 701-777-4233

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India initiatives sought

UND is interested in expanding its affiliation with schools, colleges and prospective students in India. To that end, I would appreciate hearing about any existing working relationships with Indian educational institutions, research partners, or other contacts you have developed. Thank you for your support in helping us expand our presence in India.

-- Victoria Beard, Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, victoriabeard@mail.und.edu, 7-4824

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Writing Center tutors students on writing

The Writing Center encourages faculty to invite students from every discipline to meet with our trained tutors to work on their writing. Writing Center tutors are able to work with students on writing projects in every stage of the drafting process — from finding a way to get started to helping students edit their work, and everything in between. The Writing Center staff is also happy to meet with graduate students and faculty on their writing projects.

The Writing Center is open: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m.

The easiest way for your students to sign up for a 30-minute session is by using our online scheduling software at our Web site: www.und.nodak.edu/dept/wac or click "W" for Writing Center on the UND home page's A-Z index, follow the prompts on the left side to schedule an appointment. If you wish to speak to someone in the center by phone, please call 777-2795, or by e-mail: writing.center@und.edu.

If you have questions about the services available through the Writing Center, or would like brochures for your students, please contact Shane at shanewinterhalter@mail.und.nodak.edu or 777-6381.

-- Shane Winterhalter, Interim Coordinator, Writing Center, shane.winterhalter@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-6381

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Legislative Week in Review

You can access the sixth issue of the 2009 Legislative Review - A Look at Higher Education in Week 7: Feb. 16-20, by clicking on the following Web link: <http://www.ndus.nodak.edu/reports/default.asp?ID=526>

Bill status summaries included in this newsletter reflect the most current information available at the time of publication.

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Parking Office offers guest permits

The Parking Office now has free guest permits for departmental use. Departments will distribute to their guests these permits to allow them to park in any red "A", blue "S", or brown "G" lots. The intended use of these permits is by non-employees and non-students who are doing a service to the University, such as a guest speaker for a class, a prospective student visiting campus, or recruiting future students. These permits are available upon request by either calling the Parking Office at 777-3551 or sending a fax to the Parking Office at 777-4748. With your request please include the number you will need, the date you need them ready for pick-up, and a brief explanation of what they will be used for.

The department is responsible for maintaining a record log of whom the permit was distributed to, along with the purpose of their visit. These record logs need to be retained by the department and are subject to audit. The department staff should fill in the date the permit is valid and fill out the bottom portion of the permit with your department name and initials of who processed it. The guest needs to be advised the license plate information has to match the vehicle it is displayed on.

Thank you for your assistance in this and please call our office at 777-3551 if you have any additional questions. -- Tim Lee, parking services manager.

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OLLI@UND needs you to share your expertise

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UND ([OLLI@UND](#)) fosters accessible lifelong learning for mature adults 50 years and better. The intent is to provide a positive, fun-learning enviroment that enables older adults from all backgrounds and levels of education to pursue learning simply for the joy of learning, without term papers, tests or grades.

We seek instructors to share what they're passionate about -- whether it's math, chemistry, history, arts and sciences, English, technology or all things medical. Each class is 12 contact hours and will run June 1 through June 19, twice a week, two hours each.

We're always seeking interesting classes and the interesting people who can teach them! Please send an e-mail to conniehodgson@mail.und.edu or call me at 777-4840 if you or someone you know that would be interested.

-- Connie Hodgson, Coordinator, OLLI/DCE, conniehodgson@mail.und.edu, 701-777-4840

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Donated annual leave requested for medical school staff member

Donations of annual leave are sought for an employee at the UND Center for Family Medicine to care for a family member. Only annual leave can be donated. She and her family thank you for your generosity. Please send a donated annual leave form to Brian Berg, Center For Family Medicine, 1201 11th Ave. SW, Minot, ND 58701, or electronically to brianb@medicine.nodak.edu . For a form, go to www.und.edu/dept/payroll , then click on forms.

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Barnes & Noble holds biggest clearance sale of the year

The biggest clearance sale of the year is on now at Barnes & Noble UND Bookstore. All imprinted clothing is now 50 to 75 percent off. Bargain books, selected stationary and imprinted giftware is 25 to 75 percent off. Stop in early for the best selection. All sales are final. --

Michelle Abernathey, general manager, Barnes & Noble at UND.

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New drug free workplace, equal opportunity posters now available

The UND Drug Free Workplace Policy Statement and the Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Policy Statement posters have been updated to include President Kelley’s signatures. The posters are posted on Payroll’s Web site and are accessible by clicking on the link for each poster (Adobe Acrobat is required).

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Empire Arts Center hosts recent works of graduate students

"Artistic Visions of a New Generation: Works by Current Graduate Students and Recent Graduates from UND’s MFA Program" is currently at the Empire Arts Center, 415 DeMers Ave., Grand Forks. The Empire Arts Center is currently hosting the show exhibiting recent works produced by graduate students enrolled in the MFA visual arts program, as well as recent MFA graduates. The show includes a compilation of works from various media and subject matter which reflects the overall dynamic range of interests within the UND graduate program. Some of the works are for sale. A price list will be available.

For more information, please call the Department of Art and Design at 777-2257.

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Recyclemania results listed

Recyclemania competition is in the third week and the results are in.

UND ranks 69 of 180 in the “Waste Minimization” competition. In this competition, schools compete to see which produces the least amount of municipal solid waste (trash) per person. UND came in at 4.5 pounds of trash collected per person and Wesleyan University was 180th place at 20.5 pounds per person.

UND ranks 163 of 356 in the “Per Capita Classic” competition. The schools compete to see who can collect the largest amount of recycling per person. UND collected 1.35 pounds of recycling per person and first place went to John Carroll University at 12.8 lbs per person.

The “Grand Champion” competition is based on schools that accumulate the most solid waste and recycling material combined. First place goes to California State University with a rate of 82.32 percent. UND ranks 74 of 195 with a 29.60 percent recycling rate. Great work UND!

For more recyclemania results, please go to: <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/results.aspx> or <http://www.und.edu/dept/facilities/recycle/Recyclingindex.htm>

-- Debbie Merrill, Recycling Coordinator, Facilities Management, debmerrill@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4878

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Free men's, women's health exams for students

Faculty and staff, please help spread the word to students about this upcoming event. Student Health Services is offering students free men’s and women’s health exams. For a limited time, SHS is waiving the fee for physical exams and for gonorrhea and chlamydia testing (HIV testing is also offered and will, as always, be free). Exams will be offered from March 2-5 and there are a limited number of spaces, so appointments should be made as soon as possible.

These free health exams will include:

- Private and personalized consultation
- Complete physical exam
- Gonorrhea, chlamydia, and HIV screening
- Mental health screening

- Immunization review
- Healthy recommendations

UND students can make an appointment now for one of these exams by calling Student Health Services at 777-2605, visit www.undstudenthealth.com, or stop by McCannel Hall.

-- Tom Roskos, GSA, Health Promotion Office, thomas.roskos@und.edu, 777-2097

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Host families sought for international students

ELS Language Centers has opportunities available for individuals and families to host international students for a period of four weeks to one year. Host families provide the student with a private room, meals, and transportation to and from classes on UND campus. Families receive a monthly fee for hosting students. Please contact Kristin Pauls at 746-1013 or kristin_pauls@yahoo.com

ELS English Language Centers is an intensive English language program that provides classes for students seeking to build academic skills necessary to enter a U.S. university.

-- Jill Shafer, Center Director, ELS Language Centers, jill.shafe@und.edu, 777-6755

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ArtWise Elementary Art Show and Expo seeks volunteers

Volunteer for the 16th annual ArtWise Elementary Art Show and Expo March 23-26, at the Alerus Center. Please e-mail artwise@gfschools.org or call Lisa at 218-791-5350 for more information. Volunteers should be 14 or older and volunteer hours will be documented. Great opportunity for volunteer hours for group/student requirements.

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Internal job openings listed

The following position vacancies are available only to regular UND staff employees who have successfully completed their six-month probation period, earn annual and sick leave, receive BC/BS health insurance and TIAA-CREF or ND PERS retirement benefits. Current UND faculty, please contact Human Resources for eligibility.

TO APPLY: Please complete UND Application/Control Card form. Send letter of application and resume, referencing position name and number, to: Human Resources, University of North Dakota, Twamley Hall, Room 313, 264 Centennial Drive Stop 8010, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8010. Applications MUST be received by the deadline date.

EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE/ATHLETIC COACHES:

POSITION: Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, #09-220

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 2/27/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 119,000 plus/year

POSITION: Assistant to the Dean and Business Manager, School of Engineering and Mines, #09-218

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 2/27/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 40,000 plus/year

POSITION: Clinical Research Dietician, (20 hours a week, nine-month, variable schedule), Nursing, #9-214

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 2/27/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 19.23 plus/hour

TECHNICAL/PARAPROFESSIONAL:

POSITION: Research Laboratory Technician, Geology & Geological Engineering #09-219

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 2/26/2009

COMPENSATION: \$35,500 plus/year

POSITION: Histotechnologist, Pathology, #09-215

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 2/26/2009

COMPENSATION: \$35,360 plus/year

OFFICE SUPPORT: No vacancies.

CRAFTS/SERVICE/TRADES:

POSITION: Cook (various schedule, flexible weekends), Dining Services, #09-217

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 2/25/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 9.80 plus/hour

POSITION: Cold Food Preparer (various schedule, flexible weekends), Dining Services #09-216

APPLICATION DEADLINE: (I) 2/25/2009

COMPENSATION: \$ 8.64 plus/hour

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IN THE NEWS

UND receives awards in NIRSA-Creative Excellence Competition for Marketing

The University of North Dakota received two first place awards in the 2009 National Recreational Sports Association-Creative Excellence competition for marketing.

Laura Vein, graphic designer for the Student Wellness Center won the Programming Publication for her “Sweet Treats” entry. Vein, along with Stefanie Meyer, assistant director of fitness experience at the Wellness Center, and Danica Heichert, marketing intern for the Wellness Center, received first place in the Student Flier/Poster category for their “Love Your Body” entry.

These students and staff members of the Wellness Center will be honored at the 2009 NIRSA Annual Conference and Recreational Sports Expo in Charlotte, N.C. during the Honor Award banquet Saturday, April 4.

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TRIO celebrates students' success

Since 1965 an estimated two million students have graduated from college with the special assistance and support of our nation’s TRIO Programs. To honor the students who have succeeded in college and those who are currently working hard to reach their academic goals, UND TRIO Programs celebrated National TRIO Day Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Awards were presented to Vice President Robert Boyd, staff, students and alumni of TRIO programs at UND.

President Robert Kelley said, “We would like to give a great big thank you to all the hard work behind our TRIO programs, that are accomplished by our staff and faculty mentors.”

Boyd was recognized with the Advocate for UND TRIO Award, which is given in recognition of strong advocacy and commitment to the mission of TRIO Programs, which is equal educational access.

“If there is any one place on campus that consistently helps make dreams come true, it is certainly the TRIO programs,” said Boyd. He was honored for his contributions to TRIO programs including program enhancing activities, technology resources, office space, and program evaluations.

Delilah Yellow Bird (former Upward Bound participant) and Roxanne Jonas (former Student Support Services participant), received the Outstanding UND TRIO Alumni Award, which is given to honor educational and career success by a former participant in UND TRIO Programs.

Suzanne Belyea, housing, was honored with the Friend of UND TRIO Award, which is given in recognition of outstanding support for TRIO Programs operations given by a UND staff person.

Lynelle Smith received the Outstanding TRIO/Student Support Services Award, which is given to a UND student participating in that program who has achieved academic success.

A part of the luncheon program was devoted to student speakers who described their experience in each of the UND TRIO Programs. The students selected (or chosen) to represent the programs included: Carrie Engen, Talent Search student; Makenzi Smith, Upward Bound student; Sara Opsal, Educational Opportunity Center student; Lynelle Smith, Student Support Services student; and Jonna Korpi, Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate student (former Upward Bound and SSS student).

Engen, a senior at Tri-County High School in Karlstad, Minn., was chosen to represent Talent Search. She became a Talent Search participant in 2003 and has participated in a variety of activities to help her become a strong student. She is currently applying to colleges with plans to major in Spanish.

Makenzi Smith is a junior at Grand Forks Central High School. She has been a member of the Upward Bound Program since she was a freshman in high school. She excels in school as well as being active in the Upward Bound Program.

Opsal spoke on behalf of Educational Opportunity Center. She began her college career at Williston State College at the age of 15. This May she will complete her nursing program, and will be an 18-year-old RN. She plans to begin the RN to BSN program at UND in the fall.

Lynelle Smith, mother of eight, became a part of UND and TRIO Programs in spring of 2006, when she participated in the Educational Opportunity Center. She became a full-time student and began participation with the Student Support Services program in fall of 2006. She is working toward a degree in education, specializing in the area of English language learners.

Korpi, is a senior in the McNair Program, from Cotton, Minn., who will graduate in May 2009 with degrees in psychology and criminal justice. She’s currently in the process of applying to graduate programs focusing on environmental action and public policy.

-- Dennis Stangl, Technology Specialist, TRIO Programs, dennisstangl@mail.und.edu, 777-2084

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Residence Hall recycling board receives award

Facilities Management has awarded the John Meagher Ecology Award to the Association of Residence Halls (ARH) Recycling Board. The award was originated in 1992 and it recognizes persons who have taken a leadership role in ecology and conservation.

After many years of supporting recycling efforts in the residence halls, ARH officially established a Recycling Board several years ago. Board members represent each of the 14 residence halls to encourage and promote recycling programs. Students on the Recycling Board work with Facilities Management staff to make recommendations regarding short and long-range recycling goals and to increase participation in recycling in the residence halls.

In August 2008, the ARH Recycling Board provided each residence hall room (approximately 1,600) with a recycling container. The project was paid in full by the ARH. With the containers in place, recycling has increased by 9 percent.

Also this year, Facilities Management and the residence halls are leading the campus-wide participation in Recyclemania. Recyclemania is a nation-wide program that emphasizes friendly competition and benchmarking tools for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities.

Congratulations, and thank you for your commitment to recycling!

-- Debbie Merrill, Recycling Coordinator, Facilities Management, debmerrill@mail.und.nodak.edu, 777-4878

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Area high schools take top honors in UND engineering competition

The School of Engineering and Mines was the site where 12 teams representing six high schools participated in the annual TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) 2009 competition, a program of JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society). Schools participating were Devils Lake, N.D., Thompson, N.D., Grafton, N.D., Kittson Central in Hallock, Minn., Stephen/Argyle, Minn., and Roseau, Minn.

TEAMS, JETS flagship program, is an annual academic competition that gives students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to discover the practical applications of math and science by solving some of today's greatest engineering challenges. More than 14,000 students compete every year in this fun and fast-paced competition that inspires creativity, teamwork, critical thinking and valuable insight into the world of engineering.

Local awards are made according to scores for Part I of the TEAMS test that are scored at the competition site. This year's local winners from the School of Engineering and Mines were:

- Division I Varsity: First Place, Thompson; Second Place, Stephen/Argyle.
Division I Jr. Varsity: First Place, Stephen/Argyle; Second Place, Kittson Central.
Division III Varsity: First Place, Devils Lake; Varsity B, Second Place, Roseau; Varsity A, Third Place, Devils Lake; Varsity C
Division 3 Jr. Varsity, First Place, Roseau.

Top scoring teams in each division will be eligible for state and national honors.

Following the exam, an engineering design competition was held. The Devils Lake Varsity B team won with the most optimal design of a car made from a variety of foods. The winner was determined by a formula that included the speed with which the car sped down a ramp, the number of parts that separated from the car during its descent, and the cost of the materials used in the design.

JETS is a national non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting engineering and technology careers to our nation's young people. Visit JETS online at www.jets.org for more information.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Death noted of online student

It is with regret that the University reports that John Weaver-Hudson of Hartford, Mich., passed away Jan. 27. He was enrolled in an online course through the continuing education department during the spring 2009 semester. -- Cara Halgren, associate dean of student life.

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